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## **Basham Announces Energy Grants to Boost Efficiency, Assist Low-Income Residents**

*Funding will help low-income residents with winter heating bills and improve energy efficiency for homes, businesses, and non-profit organizations*

TAYLOR— Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) announced today that the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) has awarded \$1,756,500 in grant funding to organizations in his district to help low-income residents with rising energy costs and improve energy efficiency in homes, businesses, and non-profit organizations.

“Michigan winters can be harsh, and these grants will provide much-needed assistance to low-income residents as the cost of heating their homes rises,” said Basham. “Additionally, they will help improve energy efficiency and promote the use of renewable energy sources, which is part of a critical long-term plan to lower costs and reduce impact on Michigan’s environment.”

The following MPSC grants were awarded in the Downriver area:

- Downriver Community Conference -- \$600,000 to provide energy assistance for low-income households.
- United Way Community Services for Southeastern Michigan -- \$750,000 for matching grants to non-profit facilities for energy efficiency upgrades, energy efficiency audits, and energy efficiency weatherization education.
- Wyandotte Municipal Services -- \$356,500 to distribute 100,000 Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) to Wyandotte households through an aggressive education/outreach effort and light bulb exchange program. This money also goes to sponsor a pilot program that will encourage the purchase of energy efficient lighting upgrades by Wyandotte’s commercial business owners.
- City of Southgate Veterans Memorial Library -- \$50,000 to construct and operate a solar photovoltaic system to power the Southgate Veterans Memorial Library to promote the use of renewable energy in Southeastern Michigan.

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Labor and Economic Growth that works to grow Michigan's economy and enhance the quality of life of its communities by

assuring safe and reliable energy, telecommunications, and transportation services at reasonable prices. For a complete list of energy grants awarded by the MPSC, visit [www.michigan.gov/mpsc](http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc).

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